

SEPTEMBER 2019

# UNDER THE HOOD

With Don Brown Automotive & Transmission

## Fleet Management Program

### Implementing a Preventative Maintenance Program is Essential for Fleet Management

In business, time is money. When you have a commercial truck or other fleet vehicle inoperable, we understand how important it is to get that vehicle up and running.

Our goal is to be the local repair shop you rely on to take the best care of our customers' personal and light to medium duty commercial fleet vehicle needs for repair, maintenance, and tire services.

From routine maintenance to unexpected repairs, you can count on Don Brown Automotive & Transmission to keep your fleet operational at a cost-effective price.

## Fleet Program Benefits

- **\$70/Hr Fleet Labor Rate**
- **\$30 Oil Changes up to 6 qts conventional**
- **\$79 Alignments**
- **\$179 - \$200 Brakes includes Drum & Rotor Resurfacing**
- **Priority Scheduling**
- **Convenient Night Drop**

## September Events

September 2  
Labor Day

September 8  
Grandparents' Day

September 11  
9/11 Remembrance

September 23  
First Day of Fall

September 29  
Rosh Hashanah



## Tips for Fleet Maintenance

Fleet vehicles typically have heavier use, many more drivers, and increased stop-and-go driving compared to personal passenger vehicles. Fleet vehicles typically hit higher mileage and require more frequent oil changes and other preventative maintenance due to heavy use.

### **Invest in reliable vehicles**

Before you add another vehicle to your fleet, it is a good idea to have your mechanic perform a pre-purchase inspection to identify potential problems and determine how much it would take to repair them. This not only gives you a better idea of the reliability, but puts you in a better position for negotiating the purchase of the vehicle.

### **Collaborate With Drivers and A Regular Mechanic**

Your drivers are likely to be the first to quickly notice any issues. Establishing a good relationship with a set auto shop and promoting communication between your drivers and the mechanics who are familiar with your vehicles, what repairs and maintenance have been performed, and any past problems is the most efficient and cost effective way to keep your fleet running.

### **Stay Current on Preventative Maintenance**

We cannot stress enough how important preventive maintenance is to maintain safer and more efficient operation and to ensure a longer vehicle life.

Emergency repairs can result in a much longer downtime and are more expensive than investing in a preventative maintenance plan.

Bring your vehicle in to Don Brown Automotive & Transmission and talk to our techs about making your car last longer. We can help you keep your car in shape and running.

“Always focus on the front windshield and not the review mirror.”

COLIN POWELL



## What's For Dinner? By Bethany

Southern Slow Steaks

by Heather @ My Sweet Mission

### INGREDIENTS

2 pounds Top Round Sirloin Steaks, Cut Into 3 To 4 Inch Pieces

1 teaspoon Salt, Or To Taste

1 teaspoon Pepper Or To Taste

2 Tablespoons Olive Oil

3 cups Water, Divided

1 whole Beef Bouillon Cube

¼ cups Flour (unbleached Or All-purpose)

½ teaspoons Garlic Powder (optional)

½ teaspoons Onion Powder (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

Sprinkle the steak pieces with the salt and pepper. Place the olive oil in a large pan over high heat. When the oil is hot add half of the steak pieces. Brown thoroughly on each side, remove from pan and put them in the slow cooker. Repeat with the other steaks.

Pour 2 cups of the water into the hot pan along with the bouillon cube or beef broth paste. Reduce heat to medium high and allow it to heat.

Pour the remaining 1 cup of water, the flour, garlic powder and onion powder into a container with a lid, put the lid on and shake until the flour is dissolved. Slowly add the flour and water mixture into the hot pan. Stir constantly until the broth thickens. Pour gravy over the steaks in the slow cooker.

Cover with the lid and cook for 4 hours on high or 6–8 hours on low. Steaks are done when fork tender.

Serve these amazingly tender steaks with mashed potatoes, over egg noodles or brown rice for a delicious Southern Slow Steak dinner.

Do you know  
what grinds my  
gears?

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Clutch failure.  
\*BA DUM TISS\*